

Members present: Jim Sahr, Kim Allen, Anita Parish, Cathy Coulson-Keegan, Diane McWhorter, Ken Kirby, Lucy Kingsley

Other participants: Jeff Allen, Bill Wright, Justin Honea, Robin Weir, Sue Theolass

This meeting was called to decide on the jury results. There were 288 applicants and the level of artistry was high, as usual.

Justin reported from Registration that booth availability is 10 or 11 booths, plus at least two leaves-of absence booths, and two solutions situations. He recommends drawing the line at the 38-point level, allowing in 41 crafters, 28 new and 11 returning. He has been able to place all the crafters for the last several years, so is confident he can do so again despite all the damage from trees to the booths and land this year.

Drawing the line at the higher 39-point level would allow in 28 new and returning crafters, so there is a substantial jump in numbers between the two levels. It has happened that there was more space available than juried-in crafters, which is why the lower level of points is recommended.

One-year-only letters go out this weekend and the list of wait-share opportunities will be completed as soon as possible for publication in the May issue of FFN. Most new crafters do share booths. There are about 950 to 1000 crafters in the 250 craft spaces, with others strolling or waiting to find space.

\*\*\*Motion: Endorse Craft Inventory's suggestion to use the jury score of 38 to determine whether or not a crafter is accepted. (Ken/Jim) Motion passed, 7-0

The committee discussed plans from Path Planning for the new "crafts lot" selling area. Present plans to either center new crafters there, or place crafts booths around the perimeter of the space, may not be healthy ideas for the sellers themselves. Craft Committee will address these plans at their next meeting and make recommendations to the Path Planning Committee. Considerations include the concept of maximum flexibility in the wetlands space, shade, infrastructure, customer flow, camping, driving in, innovative temporary structures, stages, etc.

At a previous meeting the Craft Committee voted to recommend shifting application dates to one month earlier, mostly to allow new crafters more time to build or secure a booth. After input from Registration, the committee realized that the number of people inconvenienced might be far greater than the number who would benefit from the change. It would also eliminate the opportunity for OCF members to drop their packets off at the Saturday Market, which creates goodwill and networking opportunities for OCF in April.

For those reasons the committee reconsidered the decision.

\*\*\*Motion: Withdraw the change of deadlines recommendation passed in March.  
(Jim/Kim) Motion passed 6-0-1 (Lucy abstained)

Some members would like to pursue recommendations for a flag plaza or at least the flying of the American flag at the Fair.

The next meeting will be May 9, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the town office. The Craft Committee does not typically meet in June, July, or August but will resume on the second Wednesday in September.